

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Palmer Arvid Soderberg was born on November 2, 1910, to Oscar and Lena Soderberg on a farm in Miner County, near the town of Howard, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Palmer attended rural school in Miner County, taking 7th and 8th grade studies in the same year in order to finish school and help his parents on their farm; and,

Whereas, Palmer served his country during WWII from 1942 to 1945 with the 81st Field Artillery in the Philippine Islands and Japan. Today, Palmer is a proud member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and,

Whereas, Palmer was united in marriage in San Luis Obispo, California, to Josephine Carmody of Ramona, South Dakota, and to this union four children were born: Colleen "Connie", Kenneth, Barbara, and Ronald, who in turn blessed them with ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Palmer worked as a truck driver for the Howard Creamery until 1956 when he moved to Huron and began working for Haggar Produce until they closed in the mid-70s. Palmer completed his career with the Farmer's Market store where he worked until he retired at the age of 84; and,

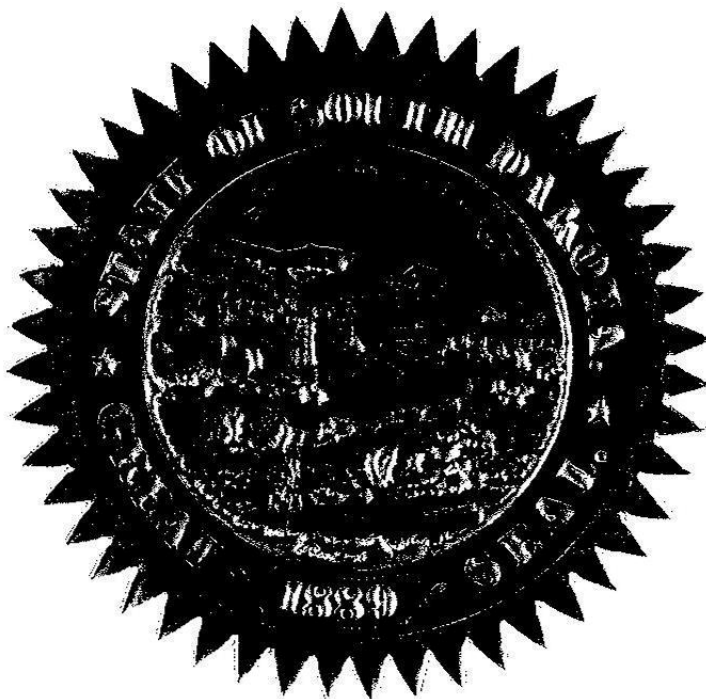
Whereas, Palmer will observe his 95th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day on November 5, 2005, at the Plains in Huron, South Dakota; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State